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SUBJ: BULGARIAN COVERAGE OF BREZHNEV VISIT TO US

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1. BULGARIAN MEDIA CONTINUE TO PROVIDE UNUSUALLY EXTENSIVE ATTENTION TO BREZHNEV VISIT TO US INCLUDING LIVE TV COVERAGE THROUGH FACILITIES OF INTERVISION OF BOTH BREZHNEV DEPARTURE FROM MOSCOW AND WHITE HOUSE ARRIVAL CEREMONY. MOST SOFIA DAILIES JUNE 19 CARRY FULL TEXT OF PRESIDENT' S WELCOMING REMARKS, IN ADDITION TO LONG PIECES DESCRIBING ATMOSPHERE OF " HISTORIC" EVENT. RABOTNICHESKO DELO, FOR EXAMPLE, DEVOTES ABOUT 15 PERCENT OF ENTIRE 6 PAGE EDITION TO STORIES OF VISIT. RABOTNICHESKO DELO COMMENTARY JUNE 18 IS TYPICAL IN DESCRIBING VISIT AS EVIDENCE THAT " US- SOVIET COOPERATION IS ENTERING THE STAGE OF CONCRETE REALIZATIONS".

2. ALTHOUGH GOB BUILD- UP OF VISIT IS NOT UNEXPECTED, WE ARE STRUCK BY SHEER VOLUME OF COVERAGE WHICH IS FAR GREATER, FOR EXAMPLE, THAN THAT OF BREZHNEV VISIT TO BONN LAST MONTH. WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT ORDERS HAVE
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GONE OUT TO MAKE SURE SIGNIFICANCE OF VISIT IS NOT
LOST ON AVERAGE BULGAR, INUNDATED IN PAST WITH PRO-
PAGANDA ON EVILS OF US.
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